OWEN BROTHERS.

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- For the Ohio Valley and Tennessee: Generally fair, warmer weath er, except in extreme western portions, where temperature will fall slightly; westerly winds.

Fairly busy every day. No cause for complaint. We are content with twothirds of the clothing basiness of this region. Trade fluctuates some, but we can't help that. What didn't get here yesterday are here to-day, or will be to-

It is doubtless pretty generally known that we are here, even if we do move along so noiselessly and without sensational outbursts.

Not everybody knows though, just what prices are attached to the numberless new spring samples. Have'nt been here long enough to become familiarly known. Five or ten minutes spent among them might be of profit to you, even if you did not care Its certainly worth something able to converse intelligently upon the topics of the day-clothing topics.

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Rotler Skating.

NEW YORK, March 3 .- The score in the six days' roller skating stood at 10 o'clock this morning: Schock, 300 miles; Donovan, 300; Maddock, 231; Boyst, 268; Walton, 259; Elkes, 252; Small, 249; Gormley, 243; Allen,

The French Fleet Retires.

SHANGHAL March 3 .- The French fleet which has been bombarding Chingbai, has reried after doing much damage,

### CLEVELAND.

He Arrives in Washington this Morning---All About Hew He Looked and What He Did.

Colliery Explosion in England-Thirty-six Persons Killed.

Gladstone Much Better This Morn-

The President-elect in Washington Washington, March 3 .- President-elect Cleveland and party arrived here at 7:20 this

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- At 7 o'clock this morning, when the mists of night still clung around the Baltimore and Potomac depot, and but few persons were present, the special train bearing the president-elect and his party drew up on a side track in the depot. The committee appointed to receive the party did not expect the presidential train to arrive before night, and only a few train hands and a half dozen reporters were present. The president-elect was accompanied by his brother, Rev. L. Cleveland, wife and child. his sisters, Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Cleveland, his iel Manning and Colonel Daniel Lemont, wife and two children. After a delay of about ten minutes chairman Berrett and Mr. Galt, of the inaugural committee, put in an appearance and were introduced to the Presidentelect. Some twenty minutes were required to secure carriages and it was ten minutes to eight o'clock before the party disembarked. Meanwhile the news of the arrival of the party had and the crowd gathered around the Pulman car, "Maranon," and stared hard at the president-elect, who bore the scratiny with equanimity. When the carriages arrived the party alighted and proceeded through the Ladies' Waiting Room to the north entrance. the president-elect leading with Chairman Berrett. He wore a blue overcoat and silk hat and did not seem to be at all fatigued by his night's journey. Carriages were taken and the party proceeded to the Arlington House, where a hasty toilet was made and being regarded as the headquarters

#### Terrible Explosion. London, March 3 .- A terrific explosion oc-

curred this morning in Usworth Colliery, Sunderland. Twenty-seven persons were killed. They were caused by fire-damp.

LATER .- Thirty-six dead bodies have been

Gladstone passed a good night and is much

recovered. The search is still continued.

The excitement occasioned by strained re-

lations between Russia and England still con-

#### Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 2,-SENATE.-The hair laid before the Senate a letter from the secretary of the interior transmitting the correspondence called for by Mr. Hill's resolution heretofore offered. Mr. Hill moved to print the papers.

Mr. Ingalls hoped, as they were volumin ous, they would be referred to the committee in printing to be first examined, Mr. Ingali's motion was agreed to.

The House bill appropriating \$100,000 to emplete a public building at Council Bluffs

Mr. Hoar submitted a proposed amendment to the sundry civil bill, appropriating \$15,000 for the woman's department at the New Orleans exposition, and moved it may be the order without reference to a committee. Agreed to.

The sundry civil bill was taken up and the eading proceeded with.

The Senate disagreed to the recommenda tion of the appropriations committee as to the amounts for public building at the following named place and fixed the amount astollows: Columbus, O., \$110,000.

House -Mr. Randall, from the committee on appropriations, reported back the naval sppropriation bill with the senate amendments, and non-concurrence in others. The amendments were considered in the house as n committee of the whole.

When all the amendments were disposed of, Mr. Mills moved to suspend the rules and adopt the following resolution: "That the ommittee appointed to arrange the inaugural ceremonies, having declined to give to representatives in congress their proper place, we will decline to take any part in said ceremonies at the Capitol." This resolution, said Mr. Mills, reflected the sentiment of a large

number of the members. Mr. Hammond demanded a second, and the

notion was seconded. Mr. Hammond felt that the house was about to do, under a passion, a very unseemly thing. On March 4 a President of the United States was to be inaugurated. It was usual that the house of representatives should be with the senate and other public officials to witness that great scene. A resolution which declared that because the house had to sit behind other gentlemen in the senate it would not sit there at all, was puerile. The house, instead of maintaining its dignity, was losing it. It was offering intentionally what seemed to be an insult to the committee, which had never intended to insult or inflict upon it an

affront of any sort. Mr. Young ear estly protested against the House inflicting this discourtesy on the President of the United States

Mr. Reagan supported the resolution and said the House shall not submit to the Senate taking control and ignoring the Representatives of the people. P. elerence had been given to diplomas, judges, military officers and heads of bureaus over the Representativer. The Congress of the United States was authorized to make arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies, and a single body was not authorized to dictate and arrange it.

suspend the rules and adopt the resolution was lost-yeas 56, nays188.

Mesers. Hutchins, Randail and Long were appointed conferces on the naval appropri-

Then motions to take a recess to 8, 9 and 10 o'clock respectively were offered. At the suggestion of Mr. Randall, who stated that the House would be compelled to sit late tonight, perhaps until tomorrow morning, the first named motion was agreed to, and the House took a recess until 8 o'clock.

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- House .- There were hardly a dozen members in the Hall when the session resumed this morning. The Sundry Civil bill had in the meantime come over from the Senate heavily loaded with amendments.

Randall asked unanimous consent that this bill be taken up and the Senate amendments be non-concurred in and sent to a conference committee but objection came from Hepburn. and there was a call of the house, which showed the presence of only forty-five members. Randall's motion was then renewed and agreed to, and Randall, Forney and Ryan appointed conferees on the part of the

After various ineffectual attempts to have the bills taken up by unanimous consent and t being plainly impossible to have any public business transacted, the house adjourned un-

When the House resumed its session, Valentine immediately moved a recess until 10 o'clock tonight, his object being to prevent the consideration of the contested election case of Frederick vs. Wilson. The Republicans refrained from voting on the motion, and left the House without a quorum.

SENATE.-Dawes called up the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill. The two houses, he said, had agreed on a bill. So tar as all items properly pertaining to the sppropriation bill were concerned, the senate had struck out all items of general legislation niece, Miss Mary Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Dan- and all items for depreciation claims. Upon those, however, he that since the bill passed, Dawes added, the senate seemed to have weakened on its position as to general legislation. Some provisions of the Indian appropriation bill were voluntary obligations as well as unconstitutional.

> Sherman said if we regard house legislaion as we do a senate rule we should not interfere with it. If unwise and unsound the senate should not recede-no matter what the consequences,

> Plumb said: We are confronted with the possibility to say nothing more, of an extra session: congress is going out. As to the action of the house, the course that had been shown in its magnificent will-power, was one to produce a result pregnant with mis-

#### Cartle Thieves Cleaned Out.

Sr. Louis, March 3 .- Advices from Demnet county, Texas, say the sheep ranche of Ryan & Leivel, which has borne a bad reputation for a long time of for cattle-thieves and Mexicans, was attacked three days ago by eight Americans, and Manuel Flores, overseer, hanged. Two or three herders were shot and killed and the sheep scattered in all directions.

DOVER, N. H., March 3,-M. R. Kennedy, wholesale liquor dealer and brewery agent, has been attached for an indebtedness of \$30,000.

#### They Are All Going.

NEW YORK, March 3 .- The members of the county democracy and Irving Hall left for Washington, this morning, eighteen hundred

#### NEWS NOTES.

The decrease of the public debt during February was \$3,204,975. One rolling mill and a blast furnace a

Youngstown, O., have resumed.

Henry Machel, of Cleveland, committed suicide on account of his daughter's death. Briner Bros., grocers, of Circleville, O. made an assignment for the benefit of credit-

The Central Foundry Company, of Cleveland, O., assigned, with \$7,000 liabilities and \$12,000 assets.

The coinage at the mints during February was \$4,185,700, of which \$2,300,000 were standard dollars.

Two hundred and fifty eigermakers of St. Louis struck for an increase of from five to

Edward Haney was arrested at Zanesville O, for attempting to break up a meeting of the Salvation Army. Rev. Father Driscoll, S. J., for thirty-seven

vears pastor of St. Xavier Church, Cincinnati. died Monday morning, after a long illness. General Grant's condition was slightly im-

proved Monday, and he was able to take a little more nourishment than usual. The city of Columbus has been redistricted under the late bill authorizing the work, by a

"Sinking Fund Commission." It takes effect Friday, March 6.

New York and the East, went into effect Monday, being fifteen to sixteen cents on the hundred Eight hundred men and boys employed in

collieries at Centralia, Pa., returned to work, having accepted a reduction in wages. Cleveland is quoted as saying in reference to the various cabinets which have been sug-

gested: "As usual, the newspapers are Captain James Good, formerly of Cincinnati, has been appointed superintendent of the M. V. T. Co., at St. Louis, vice Captain

Lourey, deceased. The president issued an order throwing open to public rettlement lands included in the old Winnebago and Sioux or Crow Creek reservations, in Dakota, with some excep-

The directors of the First National Bank of St. Albans, Vt., have been sued by the receiver for an assessment of \$200,000, and all their personal and individual property is attached. The Duckworth and Jefferson Democratic

clubs and a number of other politiciass of Cincinnati left Monday afternoon and evening for Washington, to be present at the inauguration. The superstructure of the Cincinnati,

Georgetown & Portsmouth Railroad bridge over the Little Miami, near New Richmond. O., which has been considered unsafe for some time, tell Sunday night. The report of the Springer investigating

committee was accepted by the house com-After a spirited discussion, the motion to mittee on expenditures by a strict party vote

of 5 to 4, after striking out the recommendations for the impeachment of Marshal Wright.

President-elect Cleveland and party left Albany Monday evening, traveling all night and reached Washington today for early breakfast. He was accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Cleveland and daughter, Mrs. Hoyt and daughter, Daniel Manning and wife, Colonel Lamont and wite and Miss Hastings, a niece.

Evidence was given Monday against Buron, one of the alleged dynamiters on trial in London, connecting him with the attempts to blow up the underground railway stations.

The Russian pickets have been advanced to Penjdeh, in Atghanistan. Peaceable relations between England and Russia are believed hanging by a thread. The Russian demands are such that England can not accede to

James Stephens, ex-Fenian Headcenter, is said to be about to organize, in Paris, an up-

Bismarck has informed England that Germany can not consent to anneration of Egypt. Pope Leo was seventy-five years old Mon-

Forty Nihilists have been arrested in Esthonia, a Russian Province.

Ex-Empress Eugenie was thrown from her arriage by her horses running away, one of them being killed, but was not injured.

Wolseley has ordered General Brackenbury to return to Korti instead of proceeding to Abu-Hamed. The garrison of Kassala made a sortie, losing twenty-eight officers and 632 There are only six hundred men left and ammunition is short. Owing to its isola. tion there is no hope of relief. Typhus fever has broken out among the troops at Korti.

#### Changing Instincts.

Turning to higher animals, Andrew Knight tells us of a bird, which, having built her nest upon a forcing ceased to visit it during the day when the heat of the house was sufficient to incubate the eggs, but always returned to sit upon the eggs at night when the temperature of the house fell. Again, thread and worsted are now habitually used by sundry species of birds in building their nests, nstead of wool and horse-hair, which in turn were no doubt originally substitutes for vegetable fibres and grasses. This is especially noticeable in the the tailor-bird, which finds thread the best material wherewith to ew. The common house-sparrow furnishes another instance of intelligent adaptation of nest-building to circum stances, for in trees it builds a domed nest(presumably, therefore, the ancesral type), but in towns avails itself of sheltered holes in buildings, where it can afford to save time and trouble by constructing a loosely-formed nest. Moreover, the chimney and houseswallows have similarly changed their instincts of nidification, and in America this change has taken place within the last two or three hundred years. Indeed, according to Captain Elliott Cones, all the species of swallows on that continent (with one possible exception) have thus modified the sites and structures of their nests in accordance with the novel facilities afforded by the settlement of the coun-

Another instructive case of an intelligent change of instinct in connection with nest-building is given from a letter by Mr. Haust, dated New Zealand. 1862, which I find among Mr. Darwin's manuscripts. Mr. Haust says that the Paradise duck awhich naturally or usually builds its nest along the rivers on the ground, has been served by him on the east of the island. when disturbed in their nests upon the ground, to build "new ones tops of nigh trees, afterward bringing their young ones down on their backs to the water"; and exactly the same thing has been recorded by another observer of the wild ducks of Guiana. Now, if an intelligent adjustment to peculiar circumstances is thus adequate, not only to make a whole brood or species of bird transport their young upon their backs-or, as in the case of the woodcock, between their legs-but even to make web-footed water-fowl build their nests in high trees, I think we can have no doubt that if the need of such adjustment were of sufficiently long continuance, the intelligence which leads to it would eventually pro duce a new and remarkable modifica tion of their ancestral instinct of nestbuilding. — George J. Romanes, in Popular Science Monthly for March.

#### The Indian in Sculpture.

Take the American sculptor who has received from his fellow-citizens the greatest number of orders, and who pertainly (while he was our only sculptor) was the first and the best among When he began we find him takng an antique bas-relief and the statue of a British sculptor, and leaving out the life from the work of both his decessors, he produces the "Indian whose graceful and wellconsidered lines combine to produce an agreeable effect in the bronze. Then. turning away from the Greeks and the English, he tries his hand at rivalry with the French designers of groups for mantelpiece clocks, and brings forth his "Shakspeare." Certainly, The cut freight rates from Pittsburg to this figure does not meet our idea of the grandeur that ought to invest a man of genius. He looks rather like a dancing-master in repose, and yet, if it were reduced to the proportions that its design suggests-say about tifteen inches in height-we should have dane, confusedly; "I don't know what very pretty piece of brie-a-brac for the mantelpiece. Last comes the "Washington" which distigures the steps of the sub-treasury, and shows us the third manner of the sculptor; and it is there in looking at this scareerow that we discover how fatally the spirit of the artist has been influenced by the tobacconists' images. With a few feathers in his hair and a package of eigars in his right hand the "Washingon" of the sub-treasury could easily e mistakeu for an exaggerated copy of some one of the big Indians which rnament our public thoroughfares .mess-room.

"Talk about hard times!" he scoffed is he leaned back in his chair at one of the down town restaurants. "Why, gentlemen, it's all in knowing how to reach the public.

"You used to speculate in grain, I observed the man at his elieve?" -I did, and I lost money. I was in : hole eleven months in a year and hard up the remainder. I didn't know how rive on the afternoon of September 7, one week from this date.

to reach the public. "And now "Well, I am on the road exhibiting a fat woman who weighs 370 poundsadmission 15 cents. I have no margins to put up, dividends are declared with the most annoying regularity, and if

spondence. anybody disputes her weight she has a ead corset weighing 210 pounds to bring her up to the mark."--Wall

Without, the wintry sky is overcast; The floods descend—florce half and rushing

Citriches the casement pane.
Within, our darling beats an angrier air
With piteous outstretched arms and tossing
head;
Whilst we, bowed low beside his laboring
bed. Pour ail our hearts in prayer.

Is this the end? The tired little hands Fall by his side, the wild eyes close at last— Breathless he sinks; almost we hear his Of being ebbing fast,

When, O miraculous! he wakes once more, Love glowing in his gaze, and while there "Mother, dear mother!" from his trembling lips-"Dear mother!" o'er and o'er.

He has come back, our little fairy child— Back from his wanderings in the dreadful dark; Back o'er the furious surge of frenzy wild, The lost dove of our Ark— Back, feebly back o'er the dire flood's deerease, His white wings flutter, only our God knows

Bearing most the blessed olive-bough Of His compassionate peace. -London Spectator.

#### "BRING MYRTLE."

A number of letters were awaiting Colonel Haldane, Commandant of the Newly, on his return from parade. He was unmarried, rich and rather distinguised looking. It will therefore surprise no one that he was accustomed to receive a great many sweet-scented. delicately-monogramed, prettily worded letters from the various members of the fair sex with whom he was acquainted. Among the little heap which lay before him was one conspicuous for its careful hand-writing and rough envelope. Oddly enough, this was the one he selected irst for perusal. Scrawled on the lip of the envelope were these words, "Bring

Colonel Haldane put up his "gentlemanly eyeglass," and held his head a little on one side; he twisted his irongrey mustache into a yet more poignant expression as he inspected tho curious words, "Bring Myrtle." Wi was Myrtle? What was Myrtle? How many times he read and re-read that message he was perhaps unaware. But it was useless. "Bring Myrtle" remained on the lip of the envelope, an unsolved enigma.

Slowly he opened the letter. It was an invitation to afternoon tea at the Whites—people he knew slightly, as he knew so many in the heavily garrisoned naval and military town close to the

barracks at Newly. The letter was from Miss Florence White, who wrote in her mother's

He called up a vision of Florence White. Tall and stately, a girl with a mass of golden brown hair, rolled off her forehead; a girl he had greatly admired, as one admires a serene and lovely landscape; a girl who made him feel provokingly "logleish." Other young ladies rattled away at him as if were a sub, asked him to play tennis with them, and treated him like a mere youngster. But this young lady had placed him, with due regard for his complexion, in a shadowy corner of the drawing-room on one or two occasions when he had taken "tea" there, and had introduced him to some deeptoned matrons as if in that direction lay his natural bias; and now this

stately young lady sends him a jocular postscript bidding him "Bring Myrtle." onel Haldane sat down in the comfortable velvet chair which faced the parade ground, and commanded a fine view of the ever-companionable sea. The little rippling waves had an impression of infant smiles to-day, and the buoyant clouds were chasing one another like school-boys on a common. How innocent and fair was the world of nature! He sat dreaming over his problem "Bring Myrtle" quite happily.

A knock with the knob of a stick on the door breaks into his reflections, and Captain Hilton enters with his custom-

ary off-parade familiarity.
"Well, old fellow, what's up? Sea and sentiment, ch? It's fatal to sit in that attitude, looking at the sea. What's up, I ask you?"

Colonel Haldane roused himself from his reverie with an effort; he gently tapped his left hand with the letter which yet remained idly between his finger and thumb.

"Jane!" he said, addressing Captain Hilton by his nickname; "Jane! what on earth does it mean when you receive a message from a young lady to 'Bring Myrtle?" " and he handed the envelope to Captain Hilton.

Jane, who had a rolling eye and a rollicking smile, took the envelope daintily; and, after reading it, pressed it to his heart, and said, with a strong brogue: "Why, man, it's a proposal! What do the ladies wear on their festal brows and twist in the flowing satin of the bridal gowns but myrtle? 'Bring myrtle.' I tell you it's a proposal-a

bonafide proposal. I wish you every joy! She is a sweet girl, if a bold one. Without a word Colonel Haldane sprang in a melodramatic manner at the throat of Captain Hilton, and held

him with a grip of iron. "How dare you speak of Miss White like that? She is the most distinguished girl of my acquaintance. Apol-

ogize? Captain Hilton rolled his eye with ghastly appeal on Colonel Haldane, when the latter as suddenly relaxed his grasp and said:

"Forgive me, Hilton, but really Iobject to such an unseemly idea. "I beg your pardon, Colonel," said Captain Hilton, stiffly; "I object equal-ly to being throttled. Allow me to flap-eared dog the honored object of the message? wish you good morning." "Stop, my friend," said Colonel Hal-

is the matter with me! I'm half asleep, think. Sea and sentiment, as yo said just now. Come, my friend! tell me what on earth Miss White "Means? something green," said Hilton, viciously; "but whether sprouting in a tub, after the fashion of the

blossoming shrub, or done up in a glass case, after the artificial mode, I know not. I wish you good morning, Colonel. And with that he retreated to the

"Blossoming shrub," murmured Col-

onel Haldane. "Bless his Hibernian wit! Eureka! Now I have it!" And with that he sat down at his writingtable and penned the following letter: Au Myosotis, 10, Avenue Victor Emmanuel, a Menton, Alpes Maritimes. Send the finest flowering myrtle you possess to the following address: Miss Florence White, The Grange, Porterdown, Sussex. The myrtle must ar-

Then Colonel Haldane rang the bell hastily, and told the man to post his letter. This done, he placed the note from Miss Florence White in the pocket of his frogged coat, and then proceeded to read the rest of his corre-

The afternoon of the 7th duly arrived, and with a strange palpitation at his heart (a sensation which ought to have aroused his suspicions as to the

exact state of his susceptionnies). Con

onel Haldane drove up in his little hooded carr age, with the tiger jumping up and down behind, to the gates of the Grange. "Here comes the pig in the poke." said Felicity White, a younger daughter, who was given to using her brains in

off-hand criticism. "If a man will drive a carriage with a hood, what is one to call him but a rig in a poke, you know? He is tidgeting at the gate most awfully, Florence; do come and "I like that hooded carriage," said

Florence. "Le style c'est l'hommo meme." And then she turned with a ready grace to meet Colonel Haldane. who had just entered the room.

"Felicity and I were drawn to the window by the magnetical influence of your charming little carriage," she said. "I so admire your 'poke." " "Do you?" said Colonel Haldane, gratefully. "It is very kind of you!" and then he looked steadfastly at Flor-

ence, absolutely blushing as he did so. Florence, catching the glance interrogative, was arrested in her amiable intention of transporting him to the other end of the long, lone drawing-room, and introducing him to Mrs. Harlington, the rector's wife. This igitated gentleman did look not exactly in a fit state to be discoursed to about Winter blanket clubs and workingnen's clubs and friendly societies.

It's all very fine talk about leading an unpuzzled existence like Jane Ausen; but why on earth did old Colonel Haldane look at her with this unfathomable glance from his undeniably fine rrey eyes? Wnat did it mean? She fell away from him, musing, and turned the outward machinery of trite commonplaces on her greeting of the numrous guests, who were rapidly arriv-

The Whites had just started a page, who answered to the ubiquitous name of "Tommy," one of those specimens much adapted by ambitious matrons as an improvement on parlor maids; a creature raw of the fields, with the expression of an animated turnip and orains to match. In the midst of a buzz of voices intermingling with the frouron of rich dresses. Tommy suddenly darted into the room and made straight for Miss Florence White, carrying in is lobster-colored hands a book suggestive of the P. D. Company.

Colonel Haldane, from his solitary seat in the deep recess of the bay winlow facing the entrance to Grange," felt an awful sensation com-ing over him. Was this the myrtle arriving? and had the Menton folks absolutely charged the carriage to Miss White? What should be do! He shrank behind the deep amber of the curtains, then as suddenly emerged.
"Bring Myrtle!" These were her

across the room to her side.
"It's the myrtle!" he said, breathlessly. "Allow me: Inc stapes ple have made a mistake," he continued, incoherently. "The idea of charging to You!" And he threw a sovereign into Tommy's bash ful fingers. Miss White looked at Colonel Hal-

own words, and he made a violent rush

dane with ever-enlarging pupils. He had returned lately from Egypt, had been indefatigable at the bombardment of Alexandria, bad had an illness on his return, and she remembered hearing that he had been obliged to have his head shaved. She continued to look at him quite tenderly, as thes thoughts flitted phantom-like about "Thank you, Colonel Haldane" she "You have saved me the trouble

boy-country manners, you know; he wants instruction." And, smiling pleasantly, she moved out of the room after the vanishing figure of Tommy. In the round, roomy hall stood a huge tub matted up and bearing the name "An Myosotis, a Menton,"

of fetching my purse. This is a new

"It's a flowering myrtle, Miss," said Tommy; "the biggest, the carrier says, it ever fell to his duty to deliver.' "Fetch a pair of gardening seissors. Tommy," said Miss White, "and another time never venture to bring P. D. C. books into the drawing-room. Go to the housekeeper with that kind of

thing. Tommy took the color natural to him in yet deeper hues, and ran for the scissors. Miss White soon snipped the detaining strings, and gave way to a very natural delight as the starry blos-

oming myrtle was exposed to view.
"Very odd," she thought; "it's addressed unmistakably to me. Poor Colonel Haldane! Whatdoes it mean?" Thinking again of the shaven head and the bombardment of Alexandria, she sighed a little pensively and a little compassionately, and returned to the drawing-room just in time to escape he entry of Mrs. Danvers, whose forest cart, drawn by a lovely pair of Welsh ponies, she saw turning in at the gate The lady now entered, followed by her inseparable companion, a perfect Dan-dy Dinmont, a long-bodied, long-legged, flap-eared, pedigreed creature, which rejoiced in the possession of seven

orizes. Florence immediately made a rush

at the dog. "Ah! you have brought Myrtle! I was afraid, when I saw you this morning, that you would forget: though I mentioned it in my note!" Both ladies had moved in the direction where still sat Colonel Haldane, plunged in startled reflection, in the recess of the window. Was the long-backed, low-legged

"Of course, I brought dear old Myrtle," retorted Mrs. Danvers. "I should suffocate at an afternoon tea if I hadn't bit of natural life like that trusty eotehman about me.' "Now it's explained?" said a deep

and Colonel Haldane came forward The hesitation of his manner had anished; he was smiling serenely, and is eyes were fixed with an expression

of perfect understanding on the counte-

"Bring Myrtle!" he continued, laugh-

nance of Miss White.

voice from behind the amber curtains,

ngly. "This is Myrtle! Rival Myrtles there may be; but this form of Myrtle can't be improved upon!" Again Miss White's pupils enlarged empathetically. Worse and worse! sympathetically. oor Colonel Haldane! She trembled for his reason. Not so Mrs. Danvers. Fixing him with her bright eyes, she

"What is explained? Confusion

of circumstances?" "Confusion of envelopes, 'Bring Myrtle' was scribbled on the wrong backthat's all," said Colonel Haldane. With a sudden illumination, Miss White sank down beside Colonel Haldane in the recess, with a deep blush

of mortified confusion. "Does that account for the presence of the flowering myrtle in the hall?" she asked, after a moment of horrified

"Yes; charming mistake for me," muttered Colonel Haldane. "Gave me an opportunity that I—" and he ooked at Mrs. Danvers, who, with a finesse worthy of her, dashed away to the other end of the room to meet the

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FOR SPRING WRAPS.

extended hand of an apropos acquaintance. He went on smoothly enough "An opportunity that I wanted. Will you one day wear a sprig of that other myrtle for me, Florence? Miss White didn't say "No," so she evidently intended to say "Yes."-

#### From the Argosy. The Power of Abstraction.

According to one of his friends, Victor Hugo wrote "Notre Dame" during the Revolution of 1830, while bullets vere whistling across his garden and parricades were being erected almost at his door. 'He shut himself up in one room, locking up his clothes lest hey should tempt him to go into the treets, and spent the whole of that Winter wrapped up in a big gray comorter writing against time to complete is work by the 1st of February, 1831." he author of a work on French politial leaders tells us that Victor Hugo wrote that terribly pathetic drama "Le Roi S'Amuse," during the insurrection. The first act was written in four days. As he lived near the Tuileries Garden. e was accustomed to walk there under he trees, and to compose his verses as e walked. One day when hard at work on a monologue, he was interrupted by a riot, whose angry waves enetrated almost to his peaceful rereat and compelled him to take refuge in a neighboring areade. The tide of attle followed him, and the poet, forgetting his verses, had to get behind me columns for protection. Mrs. Somerville had, to some extent, the ame power of concentration, and became so absorbed in her task as to be inconscious of what was going on around her. Dr. Somerville told Hariet Martineau that he once laid a wager with a friend that he would buse Mrs. Somerville in a loud voice to her face and she would take no notices, and he did so. Sitting close to er he confided to his friend the most injurious things-that she rouged, that she wore a wig, and other such nonense, uttered in a very loud voice. Her daughters were in a roar of laugher, while the slandered lady sat piacidwriting. At last her husband made dead pause after her name, on which she looked up with an innocent, "Did you speak to me?"-All the

#### Glycerine From Distillery Dregs.

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"We are getting an excellent article of glycerine out of distillery dregs now," said a manufacturing chemist, "and as soon as the fact gets to be generally snown the refuse of the worm of the still will be worth more than it ever was before. Glycerine is a constant product of the alcoholic fermentation of saccharine matter, and all fermentated drinks contain quantities of

"In the distillation of liquids containng alcohol the glycerine does not free itself from the 'mother,' or dregs, not being volatile like the alcohol. glycerine is taken from the mother liquor by the ordinary chemical methods, and superheated steam is then brought to act in the residuum, which improves the impurities and leaves a choice quality of glycerine. These dregs are used very extensively in the manufa ture of glycerine in France, but they have not come into much use in this country as vet. New York Sun.